



Press Release

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On: AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . August egg production in Texas totaled 402 million eggs, up 2 percent from August 2003, and down 1 percent from July 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during August averaged 18.1 million, down 1 percent from last year and down slightly from July 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,222 eggs, up 2 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.9 million, up 6 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.52 billion eggs during August 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during August 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,197 eggs, down slightly from the 2,203 eggs in August 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 7.03 billion eggs during August. The number of layers during August 2004 averaged 320 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36 million, up 9 percent from August 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 3 percent from August of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.28 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2004, down 2 percent from August 2003.